Notice of Exemption

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Department of Fish and Wildlife 1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



Project Title: Wyman Ravine Alteration and Restoration (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. BUT-32554-R2).

Project Location: The project is located at Wyman Ravine, in the County of Butte, State of California; Latitude 39.426580, Longitude -121.560565 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees); Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 026-250-064.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number BUT-32554-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Jeff Birkholz.

The project is limited to restoring a portion of Wyman Ravine impacted by unauthorized activities within its bed, bank, channel and associated riparian vegetation. Restoration activities will include planting oak trees and removing an earthen dam constructed within Wyman Ravine. Soils, rocks, and other material associated with the earthen dam shall be removed from the stream and placed in an upland area where it cannot re-enter Wyman Ravine. Material will be removed until the pre-project gradient and thalweg of the stream's low flow channel are restored. Excavation of material shall not occur within the bed of Wyman Ravine beyond the re-establishment of the natural grade. The placement of fill materials, additional grading, or removal of mature trees are not authorized by this agreement. All work will be performed during the fall of 2022 and when the creek is dry. A backhoe or similar heavy equipment will be used to remove the dam.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: JEFF BIRKHOLZ

Exempt Status:

☐ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15304.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 because the project consists of a minor alteration in the condition of the land and the project does not involve the removal of scenic trees.

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